# **ENTOMOLOGY**

#### **Contest Overview**

Insects are extremely important animals; some are very destructive and many are beneficial. Insects may damage or kill cultivated plants, they may damage or contaminate stored foods and other products, and they may attack man or animals and bite, sting, or act as vectors of disease. Insects can be beneficial for pollination of crops, parasites and predators of destructive species. They are also important as food for birds, fish and other animals, and provide products of commercial value such as honey, wax, silk, and shellac. It is important that FFA members be able to recognize some of the more important beneficial and destructive species of insects and their relatives. In addition to proper identification of the pest, it is important to be aware of control strategies and know how to properly apply pesticides safely should chemical control be required.

# **Contest Objectives**

Students participating in this contest should be able to:

- 1. Identify many beneficial and destructive insects and their close relatives.
- 2. Identify the class and order, type of metamorphosis, and type of mouthparts.
- 3. Understand common pest control strategies.
- 4. Understand how to apply pesticides safely.

# **Contest Format and Scoring**

Each team will consist of four (4) members. Each team member must participate in all phases of the contest.

Part I. <u>Insect Identification</u>. There will be forty (40) adult specimens chosen from the six insect relatives and one hundred (100) insect groups on the Insect Identification List. The contestant will give the name of the specimens; the order; the type of metamorphosis; and the type of mouthparts. The contest will be scored as follows for each specimen:

Correct Name 2 points
Correct Order 2 points
Correct Type of Metamorphosis 2 points
Correct Type of Mouthparts 2 points

A maximum of 320 points for identification is possible.

Part II. Pesticide Application and Control Strategies. The Pesticide Application Quiz will consist of 75 multiple choice questions taken directly from the study manual, <a href="APPLYING PESTICIDES CORRECTLY">APPLYING PESTICIDES CORRECTLY</a> and the Entomology Unit from IML. Each question will be worth two points for a maximum of 150 points for the Pesticide Application Quiz.

#### **Contest Rules**

- 1. Contestant will be allowed 45 seconds to identify each insect and 50 minutes to complete the pesticide application quiz.
- Written Materials: All written materials will be furnished for the contest. Contestants should provide pencils and clean clipboards. Scratch paper will be provided. <u>No calculators allowed</u>.
- 3. Contestants will not be able to touch or handle insect specimens. Magnifying glasses will be allowed but will not be provided.
- 4. All contestants will be given a number by which they will be identified throughout the contest.
- 5. All contestants must be prompt at their stations throughout the contest. No provisions will be made for tardiness and will most certainly cause late contestants to lose contest points.
- 6. Contestants will not communicate with each other while the contest is in progress.
- 7. Contest booklet will not be returned to contestants after tests.
- 8. Official FFA Entomology Insect Identification List will be provided to each contestant.
- 9. Form 50 (refer to following pages) will be used for scoring I.D.

#### References

<u>A Field Guide to the Insects of America North of Mexico</u> by Donald J. Borror and Richard E. White, 1970. Houghton Mifflin Company, Boston (Peterson Field Guide Series).

<u>Applying Pesticides Correctly (MX328-revised 01/97)</u>. (a.k.a. the "White" book). U.S. Department of Agriculture and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (a guide for private and commercial applicators).

Color slides. A complete set of slides (99) showing all the insects to be identified in the Entomology Contest.

Entomology Unit for Ag. Science II (Instructor and Student Reference).

Above materials available from:

Instructional Materials Laboratory 2316 Industrial Drive University of Missouri Columbia, MO 65202

#### Commercial Pesticide Applicator's Handbook.

Golden Guides - Published by Golden Press, New York. Excellent, inexpensive, color guides to common (and not so common) insects and relatives. Golden Guides are approximately \$3.95 each.

- a. Insects Zim and Cottam, 160 pages, 1956, ISBN 0-307-24492-X.
- b. <u>Butterflies and Moths</u> Mitchell and Zim, 160 pages, ISBN 0-307-24492-X.

<u>Destructive and Useful Insects</u>, by Metcalf, Flint, & Metcalf, 1979, McGraw-Hill Publishers, New York, \$69.95 (1990, approx.).

<u>Audubon Society Field Guides</u>, published by A.A. Knopf, New York. Excellent color photographs of insects and relatives; accompanying text gives distribution, biology, etc., \$15.95 each, in field finding.

- a. <u>Field Guide to North American Insects and Spiders</u>, Milne and Milne, 1980, 989 pp., ISBN 0-394-50763-0.
- b. <u>Field Guide to North American Butterflys</u>, Pyle, 1981, 924 pp., ISBN 0-394-51914-0.

Optional: Peterson Field Guide Series. Published by Houghton-Mifflin, Boston. Approximate Cost: \$14.95 (1990).

- a. <u>A Field Guide to the Beetles</u> (#29), White, 1983, 368 pp., ISBN 0-395-33953-7.
- b. A Field Guide to the Moths of Eastern North America (#30), Covell, 1984, ISBN 0-395-36100-1.

Optional: <u>How to Know Series</u>, published by W.C. Brown, Debuke, Iowa. A pictured key nature series which includes keys to insects and relatives. Approximate cost: \$17.00 (1990).

- a. How to Know the Insects. Bland-Jacques, 3rd ed. ISBN 0-697-04757-1.
- b. How to Know the Immature Insects. Chu, 234 pp.
- c. How to Know the Mites and Ticks. McDaniel, 335 pp.
- d. How to Know the Grasshoppers, Cockroaches, and Their Allies, Helfer.

# **FFA INSECT CHECKLIST**

	<u>Insect</u>	<u>Order</u>	<u>Metamorphosis</u>	Mouth Parts	
1.	Alfalfa Butterfly	Lepidoptera	Complete	Sucking	
2.	Alfalfa Weevil	Coleoptera	Complete	Chewing	
3.	American Cockroach	Orthoptera	Simple	Chewing	
4.	Ant	Hymenoptera	Complete	Chewing	
5.	Assassin Bug	Hemiptera	Simple	Sucking	
6.	Bagworm Larvae (in bag)	Lepidoptera	Complete	Chewing	
7.	Bald-Faced Hornet	Hymenoptera	Complete	Chewing	
8.	Bean Leaf Beetle	Coleoptera	Complete	Chewing	
9.	Black Cutworm Moth	Lepidoptera	Complete	Sucking	
10.	Blister Beetle	Coleoptera	Complete	Chewing	
11.	Boxelder Bug	Hemiptera	Simple	Sucking	
12.	Brown Stink Bug	Hemiptera	Simple	Sucking	
13.	Buckeye Butterfly	Lepidoptera	Complete	Sucking	
14.	Bumble Bee	Hymenoptera	Complete	Chewing	
15.	Cabbage Butterfly	Lepidoptera	Complete	Sucking	
16.	Cabbage Looper	Lepidoptera	Complete	Sucking	
17.	Caddisfly	Trichoptera	Complete	Chewing	
18.	Camel Cricket	Orthoptera	Simple	Chewing	
19.	Carpenter Bee	Hymenoptera	Complete	Chewing	
20.	Carpet Beetle	Coleoptera	Complete	Chewing	
21.	Carrion Bettle	Coleoptera	Complete	Chewing	
22.	Chinch Bug	Hemiptera	Simple	Sucking	
23.	Cicada	Homoptera	Simple	Sucking	
24.	Click Beetle	Coleoptera	Complete	Chewing	
25.	Codling Moth	Lepidoptera	Complete	Sucking	
26.	Colorado Potato Beetle	Coleoptera	Complete	Chewing	
27.	Corn Earworm Moth	Lepidoptera	Complete	Sucking	
28.	Damsel Bug	Hemiptera	Simple	Sucking	
29.	Damselfly	Odonata	Simple	Chewing	

	<u>Insect</u>	<u>Order</u>	Metamorphosis	Mouth Parts
30.	Differential Grasshopper (short-horned)	Orthoptera	Simple	Chewing
31.	Dobsonfly	Neuroptera	Complete	Chewing
32.	Dragonfly	Odonata	Simple	Chewing
33.	Earwig	Dermaptera	Simple	Chewing
34.	Elm Leaf Beetle	Coleoptera	Complete	Chewing
35.	European Corn Borer moth	Lepidoptera	Complete	Sucking
36.	Field Cricket	Orthoptera	Simple	Chewing
37.	Flea	Siphonaptera	Complete	Sucking
38.	Flea Beetle	Coleoptera	Complete	Chewing
39.	Flour Beetle	Coleoptera	Complete	Chewing
40.	Forage Looper Moth	Lepidoptera	Complete	Sucking
41.	German Cockroach	Orthoptera	Simple	Chewing
42.	Giant Water Bug	Hemiptera	Simple	Sucking
43.	Green Bottle Fly	Diptera	Complete	Sucking
44.	Green June Beetle	Coleoptera	Complete	Chewing
45.	Green Lacewing	Neuroptera	Complete	Chewing
46.	Green Stink Bug	Hemiptera	Simple	Sucking
47.	Ground Beetle	Coleoptera	Complete	Chewing
48.	Harlequin Bug	Hemiptera	Simple	Sucking
49.	Hog Louse	Anoplura	Simple	Sucking
50.	Honey Bee	Hymenoptera	Complete	Chewing
51.	Horntail	Hymenoptera	Complete	Chewing
52.	Horse Fly	Diptera	Complete	Sucking
53.	House Fly	Diptera	Complete	Sucking
54.	Ichneumon Wasp	Hymenoptera	Complete	Chewing
55.	Indian Meal Moth	Lepidoptera	Complete	Sucking
56.	Japanese Beetle	Coleoptera	Complete	Chewing
57.	Lace Bug	Hemiptera	Simple	Sucking
58.	Ladybird Beetle	Coleoptera	Complete	Chewing

<u>Insect</u>		<u>Order</u>	Metamorphosis	Mouth Parts	
59.	Leafhopper	Homoptera	Simple	Sucking	
60.	Lightningbug (Firefly)	Coleoptera	Complete	Chewing	
61.	Long-Horned Beetle	Coleoptera	Complete	Chewing	
62.	Long-Horned Grasshopper	Orthoptera	Simple	Chewing	
63.	Luna Moth	Lepidoptera	Complete	Sucking	
64.	Mayfly	Ephemeroptera	Simple	Chewing	
65.	Mealybug	Homoptera	Simple	Sucking	
66.	Metallic Wood-Boring Beetle	Coleoptera	Complete	Chewing	
67.	Mexican Bean Beetle	Coleoptera	Complete	Chewing	
68.	Minute Pirate Bug	Hemiptera	Simple	Sucking	
69.	Mole Cricket	Orthoptera	Simple	Chewing	
70.	Monarch Butterfly	Lepidoptera	Complete	Sucking	
71.	Mosquito	Diptera	Complete	Sucking	
72.	Moth Fly	Diptera	Complete	Sucking	
73.	Mud Dauber Wasp	Hymenoptera	Complete	Chewing	
74.	Northern Corn Rootworm	Coleoptera	Complete	Chewing	
75.	Oriental Cockroach	Orthoptera	Simple	Chewing	
76.	Pea Aphid	Homoptera	Simple	Sucking	
77.	Peachtree Borer Moth	Lepidoptera	Complete	Sucking	
78.	Praying Mantid	Orthoptera	Simple	Chewing	
79.	Robber Fly	Diptera	Complete	Sucking	
80.	Scorpionfly	Mecoptera	Complete	Chewing	
81.	Soldier Beetle	Coleoptera	Complete	Chewing	
82.	Southern Corn Rootworm (Spotted Cucumber Beetle)	Coleoptera	Complete	Chewing	
83.	Squash Bug	Hemiptera	Simple	Sucking	
84.	Stonefly	Plecoptera	Simple	Chewing	
85.	Syrphid Fly (Flower Fly)	Diptera	Complete	Sucking	
86.	Tachinid Fly	Diptera	Complete	Sucking	
87.	Tarnished Plant Bug	Hemiptera	Simple	Sucking	

	<u>Insect</u>	<u>Order</u>	<u>Metamorphosis</u>	Mouth Parts	
88.	Termite	Isoptera	Simple	Chewing	
89.	Thrips	Thysanoptera	Complete	Sucking	
90.	Tiger Beetle	Coleoptera	Complete	Chewing	
91.	Tiger Moth	Lepidoptera	Complete	Sucking	
92.	Tiger Swallowtail Butterfly	Lepidoptera	Complete	Sucking	
93.	Tobacco Hornworm Moth	Lepidoptera	Complete	Sucking	
94.	Treehopper	Homoptera	Simple	Sucking	
95.	True Armyworm Moth	Lepidoptera	Complete	Sucking	
96.	Underwing Moth	Lepidoptera	Complete	Sucking	
97.	Velvet Ant	Hymenoptera	Complete	Chewing	
98.	Viceroy Butterfly	Lepidoptera	Complete	Sucking	
99.	Walkingstick	Orthoptera	Simple	Chewing	
100.	Water Strider	Hemiptera	Simple	Sucking	
101.	Western Corn Rootworm	Coleoptera	Complete	Chewing	
102.	White-lined Sphinx	Lepidoptera	Complete	Sucking	
103.	Whitefly	Homoptera	Simple	Sucking	
104.	Yellowjacket	Hymenoptera	Complete	Chewing	

# FFA Entomology Contest Insect Identification List

# FORM 50B

#### **COMMON NAME**

1.	Alfalfa Butterfly
2.	Alfalfa Weevil
	American Cockroach
4.	Ant
5.	Assassin Bug
6.	Bagworn Larvae (in bag)
7.	Baldfaced Hornet
	Bean Leaf Beetle
9.	Black Cutworm Moth
10.	Blister Beetle
11.	Boxelder Bug
	Brown Stink Bug
13.	Buckeye Butterfly
	Bumble Bee
15.	Cabbage Butterfly
	Cabbage Looper
	Caddisfly
	Camel Cricket
	Carpenter Bee
	Carpet Beetle
	Carrion Beetle
	Chinch Bug
_	Cicada
	Click Beetle
	Codling Moth
	Colorado Potato Beetle
	Corn Earworm Moth
	Damsel Bug
	Damselfly
30.	Differential Grasshopper
	(Short-horned)

35. European Corn Borer Moth
36. Field Cricket
37. Flea
38. Flea Beetle
39. Flour Beetle
40. Forage Looper Moth
41. German Cockroach
42. Giant Water Bug
43. Green Bottle Fly
44. Green June Beetle
45. Green Lacewing
46. Green Stink Bug
47. Ground Beetle
48. Harlequin Bug
49. Hog Louse
50. Honey Bee
51. Horntail
52. Horse Fly
53. House Fly
54. Ichneumon Wasp
55. Indian Meal Moth
56. Japanese Beetle
57. Lace Bug
58. Ladybird Beetle
59. Leafhopper
60. Lightningbug (Firefly)
61. Long-horned Beetle
62. Long-horned Grasshopper
63. Luna Moth
64. Mayfly
65. Mealybug
66. Metallic Wood-boring Beetle
67. Mexican Bean Beetle

70. Monarch Butterfly
71. Mosquito
72. Moth fly
73. Mud Dauber Wasp
74. Northern Corn Rootworm
75. Oriental Cockroach
76. Pea Aphid
77. Peachtree Borer Moth
78. Praying Mantis
79. Robber Fly
80. Scorpionfly 81. Soldier Beetle
82. Southern Corn Rootworm
(Spotted Cucumber Beetle) 83. Squash Bug
84. Stonefly
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85. Syrphid Fly (Flower Fly) 86. Tachinid Fly
87. Tarnished Plant Bug
88. Termite
89. Thrips
90. Tiger Beetle 91. Tiger Moth
92. Tiger Swallowtail Butterfly 93. Tobacco Hornworm Moth
94. Treehopper
95. True Armyworm Moth
96. Underwing Moth
97. Velvet Ant
98. Viceroy Butterfly
99. Walkingstick
100.Water Strider

101.Western Corn Rootworm

102.White-lined Sphinx

103.Whitefly

104.Yellowjacket

	METAMORPHOSIS		
A. Anoplura B. Coleoptera C. Dermaptera	G. Homoptera H. Hymenoptera I. Isoptera	N. Orthoptera O. Plecoptera P. Siphonaptera	Simple Complete
D. Diptera	J. Lepidoptera	Q. Thysanoptera	MOUTH PARTS
E. Ephemeroptera F. Hemiptera	K. Mecoptera L. Neuroptera M. Odonata	R. Trichoptera	Sucking Chewing

68. Minute Pirate Bug

69. Mole Cricket

31. Dobsonfly

32. Dragonfly

34. Elm Leaf Beetle

33. Earwig

Rank:	FFA Entomology Contest Insect Identification	ation List FORM 50A
Name:	Contestant No:S	school:

Directions: Enter the correct Common Name number and Order letter in the appropriate column. Darken the circle of the correct Metamorphosis and Mouth Parts letter in the appropriate column (make all entries LEGIBLE).

Commor	0	Metamo	orphosis	Mouth	n Parts		Common	0	Metam	orphosis	Mouth	Parts
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3.		S	©	S	©	23.			S	©	S	©
4.		S	©	S	©	24.			S	©	S	©
5.		S	©	S	©	25.			S	©	S	©
6.		S	©	S	©	26.			S	©	S	©
7.		S	©	S	©	27.			S	©	S	©
8.		S	©	S	©	28.			S	©	S	©
9.		S	©	S	©	29.			S	©	S	©
10.		S	©	S	©	30.			S	©	S	©
11.		S	©	S	©	31.			S	©	S	©
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16.		S	©	S	©	36.			S	©	S	©
17.		S	©	S	©	37.			S	©	S	©
18.		S	©	S	©	38.			S	©	S	©
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